

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: patent application of

Akihiko Shiina, et al.

Serial No.: 10/721,751

Group Art Unit: 3611

Filing Date: November 26, 2003

Examiner: Unknown

For: ELECTRIC POWER STEERING APPARATUS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.99 and pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, applicant respectfully brings the following document listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. A copy of the listed document is provided herewith for the convenience of the Examiner. In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), the relevance of this document is discussed on page 1 of the subject application. Further, an English-language Abstract is attached to the reference.

This citation does not constitute an admission that the reference is relevant or material to the claims. It is only cited as constituting related art of which the applicant is aware.

It is respectfully requested that the listed reference be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean M. McGinn, Esq.
Registration No. 34,386

Date:

5/4/04
McGinn & Gibb, PLLC

Intellectual Property Law

8321 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 200

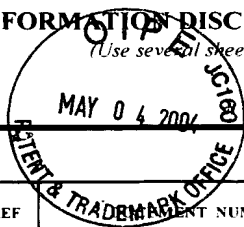
Vienna, VA 22182-3817

(703) 761-4100

Customer No. 21254

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION

(Use several sheets if necessary)



Docket Number (Optional)

K06-163744M/TBS

Application Number

10/721,751

Applicant(s)

Akihiko Shiina, et al.

Filing Date

November 26, 2003

Group Art Unit

3611

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

| *EXAMINER INITIAL | REF | DOCUMENT NUMBER | DATE | NAME | CLASS | SUBCLASS | FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE |
|----------------------|-----|-----------------|------|------|-------|----------|-------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

| REF | DOCUMENT NUMBER | DATE | COUNTRY | CLASS | SUBCLASS | Translation | |
|-----|-----------------|------------|---------|-------|----------|-------------|----|
| | | | | | | YES | NO |
| | 2000-43739 | 02/15/2000 | Japan | | | ABS | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

| | | |
|--|--|--|
| | | |
| | | |

| | |
|----------|-----------------|
| EXAMINER | DATE CONSIDERED |
|----------|-----------------|

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP Section 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.